

October 26, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jim Matteson, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 3, 1998, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or John Farry at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of September 22, 1998</u>	2. Approve minutes of September 22, 1998.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

4. Report on the Busway Concept in Curitiba, Brazil

Curitiba, Brazil has implemented an extensive busway system as part of its overall transit system. Staff from the Maricopa County Department of Transportation will give a presentation on the system.

5. MAG Fixed Guideway System Study: Draft Report

The MAG Regional Council directed that the MAG TRC and the RPTA Valley Metro Operating Staff (VMOS) provide input to the MAG Fixed Guideway System Study. Accordingly, VMOS has been invited to join the TRC for this agenda item.

Working Papers on “High Demand Transit Corridors” and “Review of Previous Studies” have been previously considered by the TRC and VMOS. In January and February 1998, the TRC and VMOS reviewed options for analysis and evaluation criteria. Each option has been modeled and evaluated. One option, Light Rail Plus Express Bus, is suggested for further study and a potential funding scenario has been developed. See Attachment A.

6. Transportation Manager’s Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be review by the Transportation Manager.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to accept the report as a basis for updating the Transit Element of the MAG Long Range Transit Plan.

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

\*8. Needs Criteria for Developing Regional Transportation Funding Allocations

TEA-21 specifies that “for purposes of developing the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Public Transit Agency, and State shall cooperatively develop estimates of funds that are reasonably expected to be available to support program implementation.” ADOT and MAG staff have been working together to develop this estimate as part of a six point agreement listed in Attachment B.

At the last TRC meeting, a presentation was made by Eric Anderson on a fair share concept for developing an ADOT allocation for the region. The concept is based on returning funds to a region in proportion to revenues contributed to HURF and Federal funding accounts. Discussions have moved on under the six point agreement to develop funding estimates based on needs criteria. A copy of the needs criteria information provided to the Management Committee and the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee are included in Attachment B.

\*9. TEA-21 Enhancement Fund Guidelines and Schedule for Applications

TEA-21 reauthorized the transportation enhancements (TE) fund program. TE are transportation-related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation’s intermodal transportation system. The transportation enhancements program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, with examples ranging from the restoration of historic transportation facilities, to bike

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and pedestrian facilities, to landscaping and scenic beautification to the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. Applications for this round of TE funding are due at the MAG offices by November 2, 1998. The MAG Enhancement Fund Application Guidelines and Background Information can be obtained by calling MAG Staff.

\*10. 1998 Update of the MAG Management Systems Report

Guidelines are in the process of being developed for the selection of projects for funding. These guidelines will need to be incorporated into the MAG Management Systems Report.

However, the Management Systems Report also contains technical information on results of the Management Systems and Title VI factors that need to be considered in programming transportation projects. A partial draft of the Management Systems Report is included in Attachment C to provide an opportunity for early review.

\*11. Proposed Amendments to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council in March 1998, and final Regional Council approval was in September 1998. Subsequently ADOT has select four local projects for federal funding in 1999. These projects need to be included in the TIP to proceed to construction.

Also, four privately funded, regionally significant projects were submitted by Maricopa County in March 1998, but were unable to be included in the air quality conformity analysis for the TIP. Current guidelines suggest that such projects

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11. For information, discussion and action to recommend amending the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following safety and bridge projects in FY 1999: Phoenix, 59th Avenue bridge at the Grand Canal (total cost \$1,500,000, federal share \$600,000); Phoenix, Dobbins Road at 20th Street re-alignment (total cost \$200,000, federal share \$188,600); Phoenix, Buckeye Road at 17th Avenue reconstruction (total cost \$230,000, federal share \$216,900); Maricopa County, Various Locations Bridge Inspections (total cost \$60,000, federal share \$48,000) subject to consultation on the air quality exempt status of these projects. Also to amend the TIP to include four privately funded Maricopa County projects in the New

should be submitted for a regional emissions analysis once the TIP has been approved and then the TIP should be amended to incorporate the projects.

River area in FY 2003: Construct new four lane roadway with bike lanes along Roadway Links B1 (total cost \$17,170,819), D1 (total cost \$1,528,509), E1 (total cost \$8,040,900) and HB (total cost \$2,813,600), subject to an air quality regional emissions analysis being completed for these projects.

### **ITEMS TO BE HEARD**

12. Process for Developing Guidelines for the FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program

In June 1998, the TRC recommended updating policy and procedures for programming MAG federal funds. In July 1998, the Regional Council adopted two of the procedural recommendations — more proactive community outreach and early guidelines for the selection of projects. Other recommendations remain to be addressed as part of the guidelines process.

The process of developing guidelines is discussed in Attachment B. Also a list of projects under active consideration is included in Attachment D.

More proactive community outreach is currently underway and includes conducting focus groups throughout the region and attending events of targeted stakeholder groups to receive input. Each group will be asked to name a stakeholder to attend a regional stakeholders meeting at the conclusion of the process. Input received in this process will be considered in the development of guidelines for the selection of projects. Members of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and TRC will be asked to participate in outreach efforts and attend the regional stakeholders meeting.

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When the public outreach is complete, the transportation Review Committee will develop general parameters for developing guidelines and the TRC will develop a draft set of guidelines.

13. Report on MAG Freeway Program

Potential adjustments to the MAG Freeway Program need to be addressed in November and December so that they can be included in the Draft Freeway Life Cycle Program in January. Upcoming items will be addressed by the Manager of the MAG Freeway Program. The next three agenda items relate directly to the update of the Life Cycle Program.

14. Potential Freeway Management System Projects for Inclusion in the Freeway Life Cycle Program

On July 28, 1998, the TRC recommended including Freeway Management System (FMS) infrastructure in the Freeway Life Cycle Program, and to consider including FMS projects in the MAG Freeway Life Cycle Program. In the past, inclusion of FMS projects in the Life Cycle Program has been fragmented. The projects need to be added to the Program in a manner similar to addition of landscaping projects. The current ADOT strategy for implementing future FMS projects is based on the freeway reaching a traffic congestion threshold equivalent to level of service "D." A FMS project schedule based on this criteria and MAG traffic projections will be presented by MAG staff. See Attachment E.

15. Amendment Request to Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Billboard Relocation

A request for an amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance to establish a process for relocating legal,

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non-conforming billboards that are removed due to some government action was considered by the Maricopa County Department of Planning and Development on October 1, 1998. Letters of support from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the State Office of the Attorney General were sent to the County. Letters of "no objection" were received from the cities of Phoenix, Mesa and Tempe. The Commission recommended denying the request. That recommendation will be considered by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on November 4, 1998. MAG staff will review the report and recommendations of the "Control of Billboards Along the MAG Freeway/Expressway System" from June 1987, in relation to the requested amendment to the zoning ordinance. See Attachment F.

16. ADOT I-10 Corridor Profile Study

ADOT is developing a corridor profile of I-10 between the junctions of Central Avenue and I-10 in Phoenix to Congress Street and I-10 in Tucson. The corridor profile study will identify and define the issues within the corridor regarding performance criteria, land development opportunities, environmental concerns, and statewide strategic investment opportunities. ADOT staff will provide an update on the study.

17. Next Meeting Date

Due to the time constraints related to the establishment of guidelines for the MAG programming process, it is proposed that the next TRC meeting be advanced one week. This would mean that the next TRC meeting would be held on December 1, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

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